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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Doug Jensen, Reclamation Engineer *D. Jensen*

RE: Site Inspection, Hecla Mining Company, Escalante Silver Mine, M/021/004, Iron County, Utah

Date of Inspection: February 3, 2003
Time of Inspection: 3:30 p.m.
Conditions: Cool, Cloudy, Breezy
Participants: Doug Jensen, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

To inspect the soil replacement effort and final sloping of a waste pile located at the site. This waste pile had been previously resloped but the soil had not been placed on the slopes and the area had not been seeded. Piles of soil salvaged during the resloping effort existed at the base of the slopes.

Getting to the site:

The site is located 2 miles west of highway 18, ~6 miles south of Enterprise, Utah.

Observations:

The material from the soil piles had been placed on the waste pile slopes. It was difficult to ascertain if the area had been seeded because time had passed since this effort had been completed. If the area was seeded after the soil was placed, no effort was made to rip the dump surface before the seed was applied. This may be detrimental to the reclamation success of any seeding effort in this area.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The site will be continue to be monitored for revegetation success.

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Cc: Chris Gypton, Hecla Mining Co
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